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Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

Revised code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate highways, Primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational system. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, ***Sign Classifications***, political campaign signs are considered a Type 3(d) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political campaign signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election
- 3) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW 47.42 and WAC 468-66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, **the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway will be removed by the Department of Transportation.**

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway that simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designed in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

If you should have any questions about the placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact one of the department's regional Outdoor Advertising Representatives. The representative for your area can be determined by reviewing the map and roster attached to this letter.

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter,

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**WSDOT REGIONAL OUTDOOR ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES
SPRING/SUMMER 2008**

Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Grays Harbor, Mason, Thurston and Pierce	Gerald Nelson PO Box 47440 Olympia, WA 98504-7440 (360) 704-3223
Whatcom, San Juan, Island, Skagit, Snohomish, and King	Stephen Chick PO Box 330310 Seattle, WA 98113-9710 (206) 440-4394
Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania and Klickitat	Curtis Knopp PO Box 1709 Vancouver, WA 98668 (360) 905-2115
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Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin	Ed Barry PO Box 12560 Yakima, WA 98909-2560 (509) 577-1989
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